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For: QUANTIFYING GENE RELATEDNESS VIA  
NONLINEAR PREDICTION OF GENE  
EXPRESSION LEVELS

Examiner: Lori A. Clow

Date: February 11, 2003

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## INTERVIEW AGENDA

As requested by the Examiner by telephone on February 10, 2003, Applicants provide the following agenda.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has requested that Applicants indicate where in the Application the amendments of the November 2, 2001, amendment can be found. Applicants accordingly provide the following general citations to the Application and can provide additional information telephonically if desired.

***Support for Amendment Language******Claim 1***

As amended, claim 1 is directed to a method for quantifying gene relatedness. Support for the "permutations" language is found, for example at FIG. 8 and page 13, lines 7-16. For example, page 13, lines 15-16 state:

At 820, if there are more possible permutations of predictive elements for the predicted gene, the method proceeds to 808.

Support for the "effectiveness being a quantification of gene relatedness" is found, for example, at page 3, lines 8-10:

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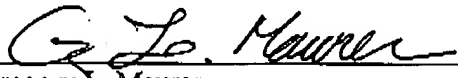
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Please see the accompanying Interview Agenda.

  
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